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THE KIEV TRANSMITTER IS TO BE PERMANENT:

NORWEGIAN AERONAUTICAL RADIO
SWITCHING TO SOVIET FREQUENCIES?

(ROLF L. LARSEN) NORWAY IS CONSIDERING USING SOVIET
RADIO FREQUENCIES FOR AVIATION IF THE KIEV TRANSMITTER
CONTINUES TO CAUSE INTERFERENCE TO NORWEGIAN AIRCRAFT
COMMUNICATIONS. IT IS FOR SAFETY REASONS THAT THIS
COUNTERMOVE IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY NORWEGIAN AUTHORI-
TIES, AFTER THE USSR AUTHORITIES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE
KIEV TRANSMITTER IS GOING TO BE PERMANENT. LATER, OTHER
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COUNTERMEASURES MAY BE EFFECTUATED, MR. ARNE BOE, HEAD
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE IN THE NORWEGIAN TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION, STATED TO THE AFTENPOSTEN.

MR. BOE INFORMED US THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION
RECENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE AERONAUTICAL WARC 1978
OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) IN

GENEVA WAS INFORMED THAT THE OPERATORS AT SEVERAL EUROPEAN COST STATIONS HAVE ALSO THREATENED TO BOYCOTT THE TRAFFIC WITH RUSSIAN SHIPS IF THE TRANSMITTER IS NOT REDUCING ITS ACTIVITIES.

IN GENEVA MR. A. L. BADALOV, SOVIET VICE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLAIMED THAT A NUMBER OF MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE DISTURBANCES. HE WAS OPPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, AND CLEAR PROOFS WERE FURNISHED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INTERFERENCE IS JUST AS GRAVE NOW AS WHEN THE TRANSMITTER FIRST STARTED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, STATED M. BOE.

MR. BOE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER TRYING TO PUT AN END TO THE INTERFERENCE FROM THE KIEV TRANSMITTER.

IF THE TRANSMITTER CONTINUES TO CAUSE DISTURBANCES, THE QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED IN ALL ITS BEARINGS IN THE AUTUMN 1979 AT A LARGE ITU RADIO CONFERENCE. WHILE THE RECENT CONFERENCE WAS DEALING WITH AERONAUTICAL RADIO FREQUENCIES ONLY, NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH ALL RADIO SERVICES, AND THE PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE TRANSMITTER WILL PROBABLY THEN BE EVEN STRONGER. AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IT WAS STATED THAT THE INTERFERENCE FROM THE TRANSMITTER AFFECTS COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. EVEN REMOTE COUNTRIES LIKE AUSTRALIA AND NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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ZEALAND ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES, SAID MR. BOE.

IF PROTESTS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES PROVE UNSUCCESSFUL, WILL BRINGING UP THE MATTER WITH THE UNITED NATIONS BE CONSIDERED?

THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEALING WITH POLLUTION. AS THE INTERFERENCE FROM THE KIEV TRANSMITTER POLLUTES THE ETHER, THIS CONVENTION MIGHT APPLY. FOR THE TIME BEING, MAKING USE OF THE CONVENTION HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT I AM NOT EXCLUDING THIS POSSIBILITY, STATED M. BOE.

MR. ALFRED DRAGE, CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STAFF AT ROGALAND RADIO, INFORMED THE AFTENPOSTEN THAT STAFF REPRESENTATIVES RECENTLY HAD A MEETING WHERE THE INTERFERENCE FROM THE TRANSMITTER WAS DISCUSSED.

- AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE DISCUSSED WHETHER WE SHOULD BOYCOTT RADIO TRAFFIC TO AND FROM SOVIET SHIPS.

SO FAR, WE HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE SUCH A BOYCOTT, SAID
DRAGE, ADDING THAT DURING THE LAST WEEK THE INTERFERENCE
FROM THE TRANSMITTER HAS BEEN SLIGHT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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